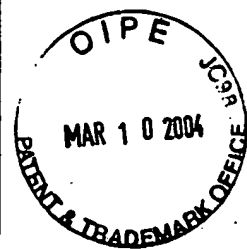


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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)
TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

Sir:

The issue fee for this application was paid on December 9, 2003.

Applicant hereby petitions withdrawal of this application from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This is to provide an opportunity for consideration of prior art provided by an opponent in an opposition just filed against a corresponding application in New Zealand.

A Request for Continued Examination with the appropriate fee and an Information Disclosure Statement with copies of references are being filed concurrently herewith.

The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is being paid concurrently herewith.

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